

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1724

January 29, 2018

SUMMARY OF BILL: Lowers the age for inactive licensees, from over 70 years of age to 65 years of age and older, for whom the Board of Accountancy would be required to waive the renewal fee.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 62-1-107(e), the Board of Accountancy is required to waive the renewal fee for inactive licensees of persons 70 years of age and older.
- Pursuant to the Board's rule 0020-05-.03(3)(e), a certificate holder who is 65 years old or older and possesses a certificate in inactive status shall not be required to pay the biennial license renewal fee.
- According to the Board, all inactive license renewal fees for persons 65 years of age and older were waived in 2017 due to the discrepancy between the statute and the board rules. Passage of this legislation will make statute consistent with the Board's rules. As a result, any impact on the Board's revenue is estimated to be not significant.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all regulatory boards are required to be self-supporting over any two- year period. The Board of Accountancy experienced a surplus of \$54,259 in FY15-16, a surplus of \$219,263 in FY16-17, and had a cumulative reserve balance of \$1,101,382 on June 30, 2017.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The practice of the Board of Accountancy has been waiving the renewal fee for inactive licensees for any person 65 years of age and older.
- Passage of this legislation will have no impact on commerce or jobs in Tennessee.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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